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**VETERINARIAN CARE FOR BASE
EQUESTRIAN FACILITY**

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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive 34-1, *Morale, Welfare, Recreation And Services Programs*. It provides for the control of all equine entering or stabled at Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). It outlines responsibilities, quarantine procedures, immunization and deworming requirements, and the health and care of equines. It applies to all personnel and organizations on base. For the purpose of this instruction equine refers to horses, ponies, mules and donkeys.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Expands on equine quarantine and deworming requirements.

1. Policy. Only members of the KAFB Equestrian Facility are authorized to bring or keep equine on base except for scheduled special events or transient military personnel temporarily stabling horses when adequate quarantine space is available.

2. Responsibilities.

2.1. The base veterinarian is responsible for advising the 377th Air Base Wing commander (377 ABW/CC) of quarantine, immunization, parasite control, health, and sanitation requirements for animals stabled at the facility.

2.2. The KAFB Equestrian Facility Management Committee is responsible to the 377 ABW/CC to ensure patrons comply with this instruction.

3. Equine Quarantine Procedures.

3.1. Animals to be stabled on base must have a valid official health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian not more than 30 days prior to the unloading or placing of equines in quarantine. The certificate will show breed, registration number, if any, tattoo number, if any, sex, age, colors and markings. The stablemaster or assistant stablemaster will be present to inspect the health certificate before the animal is unloaded or placed in quarantine.

3.2. By the first duty day after an animal arrives for stabling at the facility, the owner is required to report to the base veterinary clinic to make arrangements for a post-quarantine examination and to establish a health record for each animal. The quarantine period officially starts at that time and extends until the animal meets all installation requirements.

3.3. During the quarantine period, equine in quarantine are not authorized within 50 feet of any other animals stabled at the facility. Equine in quarantine may be exercised in open areas not occupied by another animal or in the designated exercise pen. Quarantined equine must have their own water buckets available and will not drink out of any water troughs used by another stabled animal.

3.4. Any time an equine at the facility appears to have a contagious disease, the animal will be quarantined and the entire stable is subject to quarantine. In this respect, the stablemaster should keep the base veterinarian informed of any contagious diseases diagnosed by local veterinarians. Any symptoms that do not appear normal will be reported to the base veterinarian for determination.

3.5. Before release from quarantine, all animals must meet the immunization and deworming requirements of paragraph 4 and must also have a negative Coggins test not more than 12 months old. The results, date of the test, and the name of the laboratory must be noted on the health certificate. The base veterinarian will examine the animal for any visible signs of illness before release.

3.6. Animals with visible signs of illness will not be introduced to the riding stables.

4. Immunization, Deworming and Testing Requirements.

4.1. All equine stabled on KAFB will be vaccinated annually against Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis, equine influenza, tetanus, and rabies.

4.2. The encephalomyelitis, tetanus and equine influenza vaccinations will be given in the early spring before the fly and mosquito season.

4.3. Rhinopneumonitis vaccination and a semiannual equine influenza vaccination are recommended but are not required. Rhinopneumonitis vaccination is recommended for bred mares and foals.

4.4. Vaccinations will be given by a licensed veterinarian. Written proof of vaccination and a rabies certificate are required.

4.5. All equine stabled at KAFB must be dewormed quarterly, within a 7-day period. Colts and fillies will be dewormed at 6 to 8 weeks of age; then every 2 months until they are 6 months old; then quarterly thereafter. The assistant stablemaster will inform the base veterinarian of the deworming for each animal by turning in a deworming slip signed by a committee member or the stablemaster or assistant stablemaster for each animal.

4.6. A Coggins test will be performed annually. A negative test will be required on all equine over 6 months old.

5. Equine Events.

5.1. All equine entering the installation for equine events shall be free of any signs of disease. All equine originating within the state of New Mexico will meet the requirements for intrastate travel. Equine originating from outside the state must meet the state entry requirements listed in paragraph 3.1. A negative Coggins test within 12 months of entry is required, and the test result, date of the test, and the name of the laboratory must be noted on the health certificate.

5.2. Every effort will be made to decrease contact between the KAFB equine population and those equine presented for equine events. This will include separate watering, exercising, feeding and stable facilities if possible.

5.3. Rodeo stock brought onto the installation from outside the state must meet the requirements of the state of New Mexico as follows. All equine need a negative Coggins test within 12 months of the event. Bulls need a negative brucellosis test within one year of the event. All animals need a health certificate within 30 days and an entry permit. All rodeo stock originating from within the state of New Mexico will meet any requirements for intrastate travel.

5.4. For the protection of the owners, ownership papers are recommended for animals from outside the state of New Mexico in transit to KAFB for equine events.

6. Health and Horse Care.

6.1. The stablemaster or assistant stablemaster, in coordination with the base veterinarian, will ensure that all animals at the facility are in good health. It is each individual patron's responsibility to provide the proper feeding, exercise, hoof care, medical treatment, deworming, and immunizations of their animals.

6.2. The stablemaster and the base veterinarian will keep a health record on each animal at the facility. All required treatments and the veterinarian of choice will be annotated on the stablemaster's copy. Also, authorization for a member of the committee to contact a private veterinarian in case of sickness or injury to a patron's animal when the patron cannot be contacted within a reasonable length of time will be included.

6.3. Owners of all animals at the facility will comply with the preventive medicine program established by the base veterinarian.

6.4. Individual opinion as to what constitutes neglect or mistreatment of animals may vary significantly; however, any neglect or mistreatment to a noticeable degree reflects badly on the Air Force, KAFB, and each patron. The stablemaster will be alert to these conditions and will try to resolve any problems with the owner. If the stablemaster feels a significant degree of neglect or mistreatment still exists, the base veterinarian will inspect the animals in the presence of the owner and the stablemaster. If the veterinarian confirms the undesirable conditions, the owner will be directed to follow any remedies recommended by the veterinarian and be given a period of time for corrective action. The period of time allowed will be determined by the following in order listed:

6.4.1. As specified by the veterinarian.

6.4.2. As mutually agreed on by the stablemaster and owner.

6.4.3. As specified by the stablemaster.

6.5. The stablemaster or a committee member may direct that any animal stabled at the facility with a disease or illness be moved to a quarantine area until examined by a veterinarian and a determination made that no communicable disease is present or suspected.

6.6. In order to preclude the spread of communicable disease, if an animal appears to be sick a member of the committee will contact the patron or owner of the animal. The patron or member of the committee, if the owner cannot be contacted within a reasonable period of time, will contact a private veterinarian at the patron's expense. Any such conditions will also be brought to the attention of the base veterinarian.

6.7. The base veterinarian will report violations of this instruction to the 377 ABW/CC and to the equestrian management committee. Violators may be required to remove their equine from the KAFB Equestrian Facility.

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